

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended). ~~A combination for use with a dispenser of spreadable material, the combination comprising~~ A flowable edible material mass progressive dispenser comprising in combination:

a) ~~a dispensing nozzle in threading engagement with the dispenser to dispense said material and having an opening laterally extending at least partially across the nozzle,~~ a spreader having a longitudinally forwardly elongated container for said mass, said container having an end wall,

b) ~~and a spreader surface associated with the nozzle whereby the dispenser may be manipulated to cause the spreader surface to spread the material dispensed via the nozzle~~ [[.]] a nozzle projecting generally forwardly from said end wall, and having a side wall that extends forwardly and terminates at a furthest forward end opening through which said mass is dispensed,

c) said end opening defining a periphery having a lateral width dimension, and a height dimension that remains substantially the same throughout the lateral width extent of said end opening, said lateral width dimension substantially exceeding twice said height

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dimension of said end opening, for spreading the mass of material being dispensed, the spreader having a surface acting to spread said material being dispensed via the nozzle end opening,

d) said nozzle side wall having an outer surface that is everywhere forwardly convergent toward said end opening periphery to define forward taper as it peripherally and forwardly approaches said nozzle end opening,

e) whereby a substantially constant height layer of said mass is dispensed forwardly through said nozzle end opening as the mass in the container is pressurized, and said layer has the width of said end opening,

f) said forward taper acting to terminally narrow the nozzle and configure it for ease of spreading said dispensed layer.

Claim 2 (original). The combination of claim 1 wherein the spreader surface has the form of a blade or spatula surface attached to the dispenser.

Claim 3 (original). The combination of claim 2 wherein the spreader surface is proximate the nozzle.

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Claim 4 (previously presented). The combination of claim 1 wherein the spreader surface has the form of a flap or blade, located at a nozzle outlet from which the material is dispensed, the flap or blade being flexible.

Claim 5 (currently amended). The combination of claim 1 including said dispenser carrying the nozzle, and ~~inserting~~ dispensable edible material inserted in the dispenser to be spread by the spreader.

Claim 6 (original). The combination of claim 3 wherein the nozzle is flexible.

Claims 7-15 (cancelled).

Claim 16 (original). The combination of claim 1 wherein the nozzle comprises an elongated member with an adjustable closure therein and an adjustment member affixed to a nozzle such that the nozzle tends to close when the adjustment member is in a first position and the nozzle tends to open when the adjustment member is in a second position.

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Claims 17-28 (cancelled).

Claim 29 (currently amended). The spreader of claim ~~28~~ 1 wherein the nozzle is in the shape of a knife.

Claim 30 (cancelled).

Claim 31 (currently amended). ~~The spreader~~ The combination of claim 1, comprising

a container, having a base and a lid opposite the base, the contain ~~capable of~~ holding a spreadable food item, defined by said mass,

a detachable handle mounted on the container,

a plunger, adapted to engage the detachable handle such that when the detachable handle is depressed, the plunger exerts pressure on the spreadable food item in the container, and

~~a dispenser~~ said nozzle, mounted on the exterior of the container proximate to the base of the container, in fluid communication with the interior of the container such that the spreadable food item may be forced through the dispenser nozzle.

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Claims 32-44 (cancelled).

Claim 45 (new). The combination of claim 1 wherein the nozzle has attachment to the dispenser.

Claim 46 (new). The combination of claim 1 wherein the nozzle has threaded attachment to the dispenser.

Claim 47 (new). The combination of claim 1 further comprising an abutment member to maintain a single opening slit in an uncollapsed state at all times.

Claim 48 (new). The combination of claim 1 wherein the spreader has a serrated edge to engage the dispensed and layered material mass.

Claim 49 (new). The combination of claim 1 wherein the spreader has a serrated edge, to produce a striated surface configuration on dispensed material.

Claim 50 (new). The combination of claim 1 wherein the nozzle has an undulated shape to produce a dispensed flowable material with a wavy texture.

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Claim 51 (new). The combination of claim 2 where the nozzle has an accordian shape which elongates when flowable material is extruded outward.

Claim 52 (new). The combination of claim 1 wherein the nozzle and spreader surface are configured and positioned to maximize the visibility of the material being extruded.

Claim 53 (new). The combination of claim 1 wherein said nozzle end opening defines a plurality of discrete apertures to permit the flow of material therethrough in generally parallel streams.

Claim 54 (new). The combination of claim 1 wherein the nozzle has an elongated serrated edge at the nozzle outlet.

Claim 55 (new). The combination of claim 54 wherein the spreader overlies at least part of the nozzle serrated edge.

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Claim 56 (new). The combination of claim 4 including an adjuster on the nozzle to adjust the positioning of the spreader surface flap, relative to the nozzle exit and opening.

Claim 57 (new). The combination of claim 20 wherein the adjuster has a protrusion that is finger engagable, sidewardly of the nozzle.

Claim 58 (new). The combination of claim 1 wherein the spreader is angled relative to the nozzle end opening so as not to engage the layered spread material as the material is dispensed through the nozzle

Claim 59 (new). The combination of claim 22 wherein the spreader is angled relative to the nozzle so that a terminal defined by the spreader can engage the layered spread material while the nozzle remains spaced above the level of that material.

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Claim 60 (new). The combination of claim 1 wherein the nozzle tapers toward a flexible tip, the spreader having a body of sufficient thickness so as to be manipulable without flexing.

Claim 61 (new). The combination of claim 1 including a cap fitting endwise over the nozzle.

Claim 62 (new). The combination of claim 61 wherein the cap has an interior configuration to conform to the nozzle and a nozzle end opening.

Claim 63 (new). The combination of claim 1 wherein the spreader surface has curvature to conform to an edible curved surface.

Claim 64 (new). The combination of claim 31 wherein the detachable handle is mounted on the container along the exterior of the container generally flush with the exterior of the container.



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Claim 65 (new). The combination of claim 31 wherein the detachable handle is mounted on the container at the lid in engagement with the plunger.

Claim 66 (new). The combination of claim 31 wherein the dispenser nozzle is in a first upright position, such as for storage.

Claim 67 (new). The combination of claim 31, wherein the dispenser nozzle is in a second position, generally perpendicular to the container for dispensing the food item.

Claim 68 (new). The combination of claim 1 including a bag, disposed within the container for holding a food item.

Claim 69 (new). The combination of claim 1 further comprising a cap engaging the exterior of the nozzle.

Claim 70 (new). The combination of claim 69 wherein the cap includes a cavity generally in the shape of the nozzle for receiving the nozzle.

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Claim 71 (new). The combination of claim 1 wherein the nozzle has the shape of a spatula.

Claim 72 (new). The combination of claim 1 including said mass layer spread as a wide layer on a wide edible.

Claim 73 (new). A flowable edible material mass progressive dispenser comprising:

- a) a spreader having a longitudinally forwardly elongated container for said mass, said container having an end wall,

- b) a nozzle projecting generally forwardly from said end wall, and having a side wall that extends forwardly and terminates at a furthest forward end opening through which said mass is dispensed,

- c) said end opening defining a periphery having a lateral width dimension, and a height dimension that remains substantially the same throughout the lateral width extent of said end opening, said lateral width dimension substantially exceeding twice said height dimension of said end opening, for spreading the mass of material being dispensed, the spreader having a surface acting to spread said material being dispensed via the

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nozzle end opening,

d) said nozzle side wall having a surface that is everywhere forwardly configured toward said end opening periphery to define forward continuity as it peripherally and forwardly approaches said nozzle end opening,

e) whereby a substantially constant height layer of said mass is dispensed forwardly through said nozzle end opening as the mass in the container is pressurized, and said layer has the width of said end opening,

f) said forward continuity acting to smoothly terminate the nozzle and configure it for ease of wide spreading of said dispensed layer in relation to narrowed layer thickness.

Claim 74(new) The combination of claim 61 wherein the cap has snap ring retention to the nozzle.